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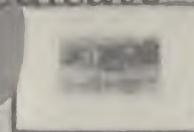
AIR FORCE  
MINUTE CLASS OF '43-A  
BASIC TRAINING  
FIELD, CALIFORNIA

ECHELON  
AIRCRAFT  
SCHOOL



# An Inspiration Eternal

In these days of toil, strife, and madness, I have held in revered thought the one who has sacrificed and contributed most to the war effort; whose diligent work, thoughts and prayers are ever for me. One whose inspiration incurs within—the ambition to fight for my country's future pursuit of happiness, peace and security. To a bolstering spirit eternally beside me, I appropriately dedicate my ECHELON to MY MOTHER.



Aviation Cadet Dagur Frierson

There is so much in here that I can  
explain - but will wait until I  
do it in person - before long,  
maybe.

The very thought of Mother  
Brings memories of her care;  
She guided me through childhood.  
And she taught me my first prayer,  
She taught me the way to go.  
Her ways were right, I am sure!  
She was my inspiration  
To all that was good and pure.  
Admiration for Mother  
Cannot by words be expressed,  
My heart o'erflows with praises,  
A godly Mother — how blessed!





COLONEL CARL W. PYLE

# COMMANDING OFFICER



IN THE SPRING OF 1941, MINTER FIELD WAS A WIND-SWEPT DUST PLAIN WITH A FEW UNFINISHED BUILDINGS. TODAY, IT IS A THRIVING MILITARY METROPOLIS, RATED AS ONE OF THE LARGEST AND MOST EFFICIENT BASIC FLYING TRAINING FIELDS ON THE WEST COAST.

ON APRIL 30, 1941, COL. CARL W. PYLE ASSUMED COMMAND OF MINTER, NAMED IN HONOR OF THE LATE LT. HUGH C. MINTER, WHO WAS KILLED IN AN AIR CRASH IN 1932. UNDER COL. PYLE'S GUIDANCE THE FIELD BEGAN TO TAKE ON THE FORM OF A SCHOOL WITH A FUTURE.

SINCE THAT FIRST DAY MINTER FIELD HAS GIVEN BASIC FLIGHT TRAINING TO MANY THOUSANDS OF AVIATION CADETS, STUDENT OFFICERS AND TO AVIATION STUDENTS.

TODAY, MANY OF THESE FORMER STUDENTS, WHO WON THEIR WINGS AT ADVANCED SCHOOLS, ARE NOW WRITING HISTORY IN BATTLE-SCARRED SKIES OVER EVERY FAR-FLUNG BATTLE FRONT.



MAJOR CARTER C. SPEED  
Commandant of Cadets

The first class of Aviation Cadets to greet Major Carter C. Speed was a dusty sunburned crew of boys who lived in tents, ate from their own mess kits and flew from Kern County Airport. Many of the members of that class, 41-H, a month later found themselves sending tracers burning through enemy cockpits and bombs settling on enemy targets. Those boys have since been followed by thousands of other Cadets who received their military training from Major Speed. On August 9, 1941, Major Speed moved with the other officers out to Minter Field where he helped to organize the Cadet Detachment. He became Commandant on March 1, 1942. Serving in this capacity for more than a year, Major Speed has augmented the military training program many fold, striving with each class to better prepare the Cadets for the arduous and strenuous efforts required of an officer and a pilot.

# CADET ADMINISTRATION



LT. H. H. GERKE  
Adjutant



LT. R. W. SMEDBERG  
Asst. Commandant of Cadets



LT. J. D. ALVEY  
Supply Officer

LT. ALTON A. ARATA  
Squadrons 21, 22, 23



LT. CHARLES E. COLE  
Squadrons 24, 25, 26



MY C.O.

## Second Training Group

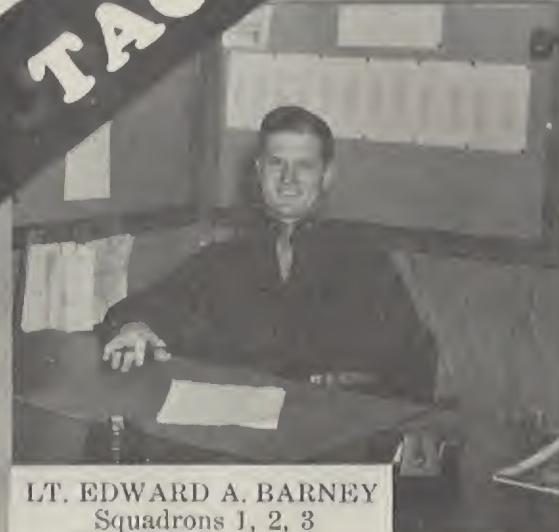
# TACTICAL OFFICERS

## First Training Group

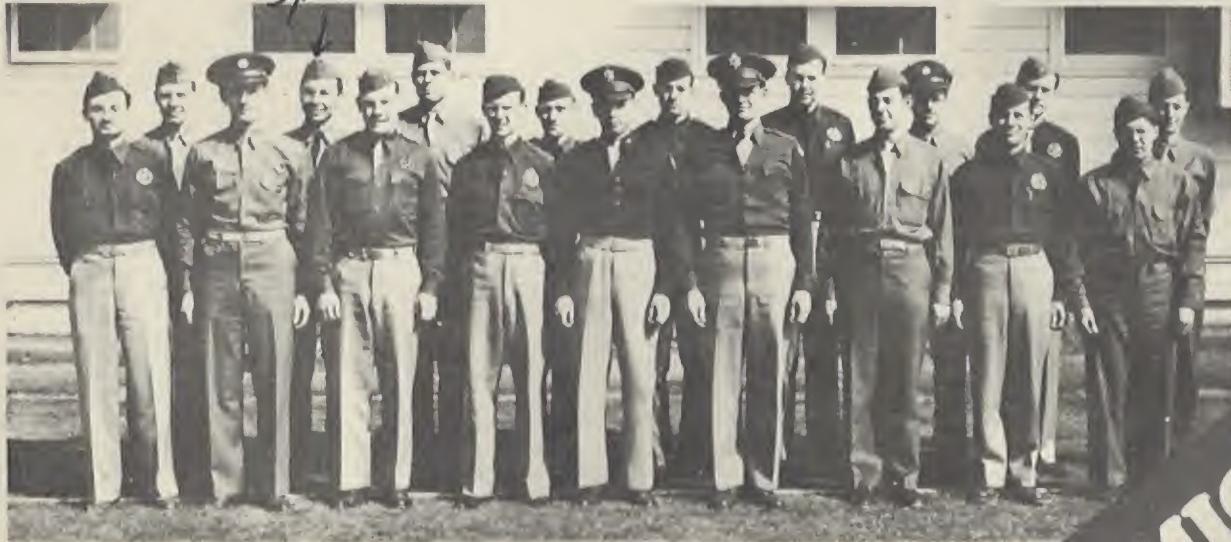
L.T. ANDREW C. GRAF  
Squadrons 4, 5, 6



L.T. EDWARD A. BARNEY  
Squadrons 1, 2, 3



L.T. VERN NELSON  
First Training Group



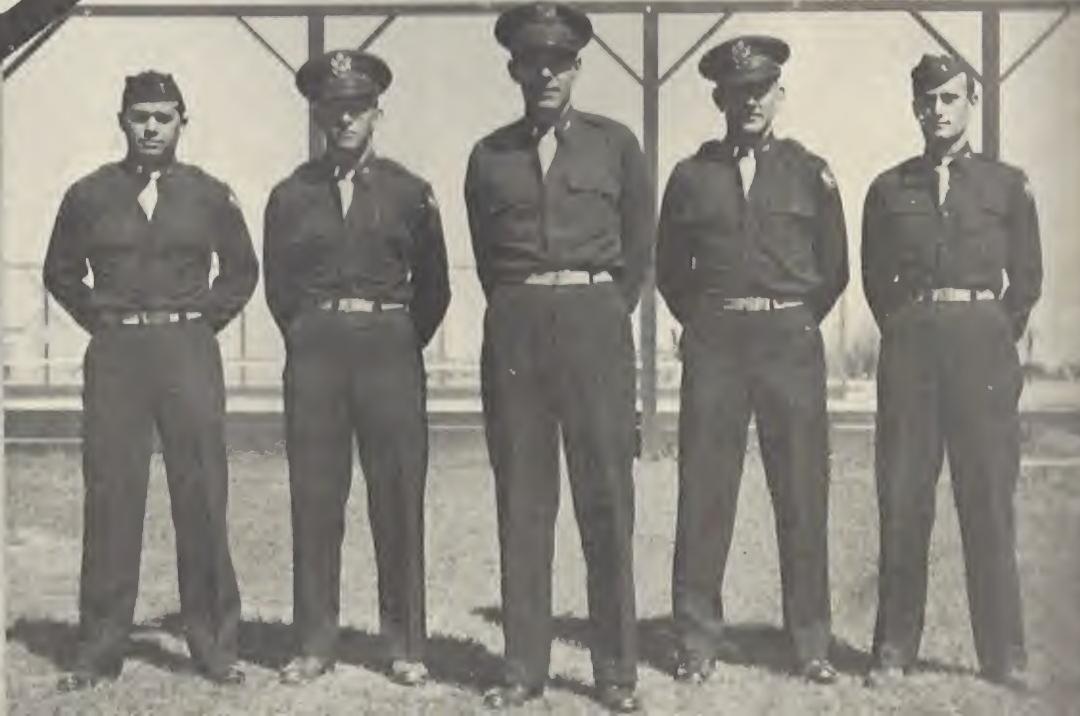
## *Ground School Instructors*

MAJOR R. E. HORTON  
Director

## *ACADEMICS*

## *Physical Training Staff*

LT. L. BROWN  
LT. L. F. PARKER  
LT. M. H. GERARD, Director  
LT. E. HEGGARTY  
LT. J. D. HARTZ





## Cadet Mess



To Mr. Kavanaugh, we extend our heartiest thanks, both for the quality and quantity of his excellent cuisine. Ours is the finest mess hall in the armed forces, and we wish, at this time, to publicly tell of it. So we, the Class of 43-G, bid best wishes to the man whom everyone affectionately knows as "Pop" Kavanaugh. Thanks a million, "Pop".

MR. RICHARD KAVANAUGH  
Cadet Mess Supervisor

BODY AND. SOUL



## *Line Officers*



MAJOR RAYMOND W. MINO  
Director of Training

MAJOR CLARENCE J. JACKSON  
Director of Flying Training



MAJOR MARVIN G. STURGEON  
Deputy Director of Training

**IN COMMAND**



WILLIAM H. MARY, Jr.  
Wing Supply Officer

DONALD D. SIVERTS  
Wing Commander

JOHN O. NORDHAGEN  
Wing Adjutant

## *Cadet Officers*

## *Line Officers*



MAJOR WILLIAM H THOMPSON  
Group Commander



CAPT. HORACE R. GONZALEZ  
Group Executive

SECOND TRAINING GROUP

VINCENT J. HUSS  
Group Supply Officer

KENNETH L. MANSON  
Group Commander

PAUL J. HEUERMANN  
Group Adjutant



*Cadet Officers*



# STUDENT OFFICERS

CAPT. JOHN C. HEAD, Jr.  
LT. NED W. RENICK  
LT. EDWARD A. TAYLOR  
LT. WILLIAM C. NEWELL  
LT. HOWARD A. LINN



*They've been grand fellows and we have enjoyed flying with them. We wish them the best of flying.*

## Line Officers



### First Row:

LT. J. E. COVEY  
LT. D. L. BENNETT  
LT. J. S. WALLACE, Flight CO.  
LT. F. S. BAJORIN  
LT. R. V. WHITE

### Second Row:

LT. R. S. FRIEND  
LT. R. G. WHITE  
LT. H. S. DEER, Flight CO.  
LT. F. W. FOSTER  
LT. H. R. REIDENBAUGH

SQUADRON TWENTY-ONE



JAMES C. DOBBS  
Lt. "B" Flight  
HUGH P. CUTHEBERTSON, Jr.  
Adjutant  
ORREN K. CRUM  
Squadron Commander  
WILLIAM T. BROWN  
Lt. "A" Flight



## Cadet Officers



Stuart S. Abell, Jr.  
Lowrys, S.C.



Ira B. Baker  
Malad, Idaho



Clayton S. Abraham  
Portland, Oregon



Herbert L. Aldrich  
Royal Oaks, Mich.



Robert J. Beatty  
Dayton, Ohio



John H. Allan  
Homer, La.



On March 11th, I had arrived



Philip A. Beaudette  
Hasbrouck Hts., N.J.



Clinton D. Berry  
Farnam, Neb.



Robert K. Billings  
Chicago, Ill.



Wayne M. Bissell  
Vancouver, Wash.



Joseph L. Bolger  
North Hills, Pa.



Glen W. Bowie  
Hanston, Kansas



David A. Brennan  
Detroit, Mich.



James B. Briggs  
Briggsville, Ark.



Edwin F. Brinson  
Charleston, S.C.



Harry M. Brittenham  
Port Huron, Mich.



Jim W. Brokaw  
Tacoma, Wash.



William T. Brown  
Tifton, Ga.



Arthur B. Cahill  
Roanoke, Va.



Warren G. Campbell  
San Francisco, Calif.



Frank Capobianco  
Rahway, N.J.



Edwin H. Chapin  
Springfield, Ill.



George W. Clark  
Prosser, Wash.



Harris G. Clark  
Cooperstown, N.Y.



Hiram B. Clark  
Craig, Neb.



For Basic Flying.



Chester W. Cockman  
Charleston, Mo.



George F. Cosgrove  
Winter Gardens, Fla.



Calvin G. Cragun  
Oakland, Calif.



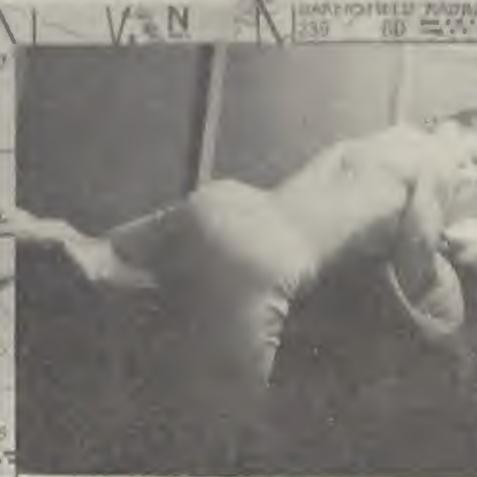
Oren K. Crum  
Georgetown, Ill.



Namon J. Cully  
New Hartford, N.Y.



Hugh P. Cuthbertson, Jr.  
Dallas, Texas



And wearyly climbed into my "Sack"



Joseph O. Daehlin  
Waltham, Minn.



Robert J. Digby  
Battle Creek, Mich.



James Dolan  
Chicago, Ill.



Robert T. Ellis  
Dayton, Ohio



Frederick F. Evans  
Pitman, N.J.



Ralph L. Fish  
Detroit, Mich.



Charles Fisher  
Marion, N.Y.



John Flaherty  
Woburn, Mass.



Dean S. Flemming  
Skowhegan, Me.



James B. Ford  
Sudan, Texas



Dargan Frierson  
Sumter, S.C.



Robert W. Giese  
Newark, N.J.



Thomas R. Gordon  
Cleveland, Ohio



Harold Gorski  
Buffalo, N.Y.



Edward P. Gipson  
Portland, Oregon



William A. Hanke  
Duluth, Minn.

A FRIEND'S  
STUDENTS

To dream of the BT-13A.

## *Line Officers*



### First Row:

LT. G. R. E. GOLLATZ  
LT. W. H. KUPFER, Flight CO.  
LT. H. D. MATHIEU  
LT. F. L. BYRUM  
LT. A. R. L. HEISE

### Second Row:

LT. V. E. KELLY  
LT. S. SHAMBAUGH, Flight CO.  
LT. J. F. TULLOCH  
LT. H. T. SIMONSON  
LT. T. L. SOMERVILLE

# SQUADRON TWENTY-TWO



CAPT. DONALD D. KELLEY  
Squadron Commander

VERNON H. KING, Jr.  
Squadron Commander

DANIEL L. HURSON  
Adjutant

LEROY V. HOKINSON, Jr.  
1st "A" Flight

BOBBY C. KENT  
Lt. "B" Flight



## *Cadet Officers*



Glenn A. Harrison  
Fairfax, Okla.



Edgar G. Hemmerlein  
Huntingburg, Ind.



Forrest D. Hodge  
Springfield, Ill.



Carl C. Hoenshell  
Saginaw, Mich.



LeRoy V. Hokinson, Jr.  
East Moline, Ill.



Robert G. Holloway  
Fredericksburg, Va.



With my room tip-top, I started the day.



James J. Hoose  
Shinglehouse, Pa.



Daniel L. Hurson  
Silver Springs, Md.



Vincent J. Huss  
Terre Haute, Ind.



Jack E. Hutcheson  
Slippery Rock, Pa.



Henry N. Ingwersen  
Flossmoor, Ill.



Harold A. Inkala  
Minneapolis, Minn.



Paul J. Ireland  
Madison, Wis.



Raymond S. Jackson  
Melrose, Mass.



William G. Jackson  
East LaPort, N.C.



Harold R. Johnson  
Duluth, Minn.



Harry N. Johnson  
Pueblo, Colo.



Ralph B. Johnson  
Clinton, Minn.



Wilbert T. Johnson  
Des Moines, Iowa



John T. Johnston  
Longview, Texas



Oran B. Jones  
Ft. Stockton, Texas



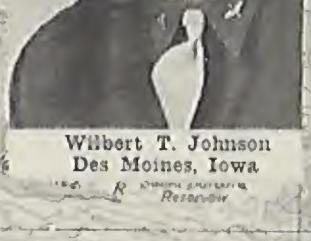
Theodore S. Jonoski  
Weedsport, N.Y.



Frank B. Jordon  
St. Louis, Mo.



Thaddeus C. Johnson, Jr.  
Houston, Texas



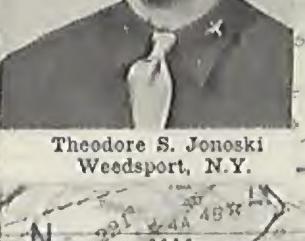
Monte B. Jones  
Santa Barbara, Calif.



John T. Johnston  
Longview, Texas



Oran B. Jones  
Ft. Stockton, Texas



Theodore S. Jonoski  
Weedsport, N.Y.



Frank B. Jordon  
St. Louis, Mo.



Alan V. Karhan  
New York City



Billie E. Keener  
Rogers, Ark.



Edgar T. Keffer  
McSherrystown, Pa.



Arthur R. Kemp  
Denver, Colo.



Bob C. Kent  
El Dorado, Kans.



Victor L. Kercher  
Lafayette, Ind.



For the best Army food I've eaten.



George A. King, Jr.  
Flint, Mich.



Vernon H. King, Jr.  
Manasquan, N.J.



Fred F. Kingsbury  
Schenectady, N.Y.



Howard V. Kirkpatrick  
Hygiene, Colo.



Melvin Klein  
Chicago, Ill.



Richard A. Korb  
Wilkinsburg, Pa.



Walter J. Kraker  
Hollis, N.Y.

Harry L. Kruck, Jr.  
Grand Rapids, Mich.



Then I filled a dozen forms, drew my books;



Franklin J. Marra  
Morristown, N.J.

Myron R. Kvittum  
Kenyon, Minn.

## OUR PSEUDO-MOTHERS

Their personal supervision over our parachutes and well-being has instituted a bond of warm friendship and appreciation.

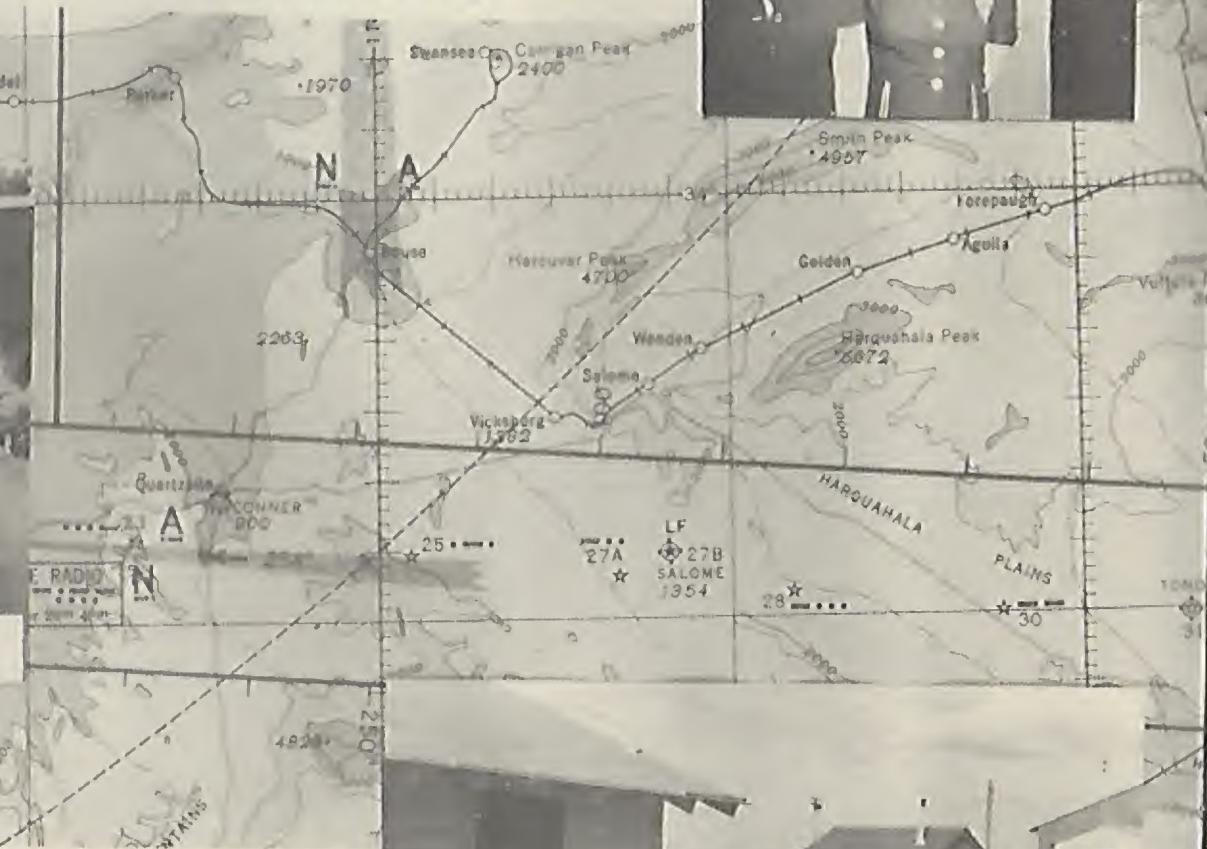
Like our own, they too are mothers, working for son, country and victory.

Mrs. Ruth Newcomb

Mrs. Margie Glover

Mrs. Molly "Tex" Snapp

Mrs. Ruth Redebaugh



## OUR 'CHUTE PACKERS

Ann Camini  
Dixie Mogerson  
Mrs. Miller  
Rosina Thompson  
Estelle Tabarez  
Esther Reed  
Judy Worsham  
Helen Eaton



## *Line Officers*



### First Row:

LT. J. L. TURNER  
LT. C. H. LaFARGE  
LT. J. L. NICKERSON  
LT. J. P. SILVIUS  
LT. J. W. VAIL, Flight CO.

### Second Row:

LT. C. E. GIBBONS  
LT. J. W. STANTON  
LT. T. J. HIX  
LT. M. G. COWAN  
LT. R. KILLPACK  
LT. R. C. SAMPSON, Flight CO.

# SQUADRON TWENTY-THREE



CAPT. CHARLES D. LEHMAN  
Squadron Commander

HERSCHEL N. McLAIN  
Lt. "B" Flight

GEORGE W. MERRIMAN  
Adjutant

REXFORD W. MECARTEA  
Squadron Commander

JAMES H. LONGINO  
Lt. "A" Flight



## *Cadet Officers*



William C. Lagoni  
Chicago, Ill.



Burton L. LaMontagne  
Milford, Conn.



James P. Land, Jr.  
Atlanta, Ga.



Robert A. Lane  
Washington, D.C.



Albert Lankor  
Petaluma, Calif.



Loye J. Lauraine, Jr.  
Gonzales, Texas



Was off to learn what a pilot must know:



James P. Law  
Mann's Choice, Pa.



Irvin C. Lawson  
Danville, Ill.



Edward C. Leahy  
New Bedford, Mass.



Robert S. Lee  
Mt. Vernon, N.Y.



Robert E. Lehman  
Detroit, Mich.



Carl H. Leo  
Kansas City, Mo.



Robert H. LeVan  
Reading, Pa.



William Lewis  
Laurel, Miss.



Dan Lionidakis  
Modesto, Calif.



Nathan Lipchansky  
Long Island, N.Y.



Earl E. Litten  
Grenada, Miss.



Emmett G. Logan, Jr.  
Lexington, Ky.



Meteorology, Radio and Identification,



Alvin A. Leiry, Jr.  
Chillicothe, Ohio



James H. Longino  
Atlanta, Ga.



Everett D. Luyster



Jack R. Mackechnie



John W. Mackey  
Duluth, Minn.





Henry E. Mamlock  
Tacoma, Wash.



Kenneth L. Manson  
Los Angeles, Calif.



Howard H. Manton  
Philadelphia, Pa.



Henry M. Marshall  
Hartford, Conn.



William J. Marshall  
Evansville, Ind.



William H. Mary, Jr.  
Knoxville, Tenn.



Mapping and Navigation,



Keith S. Mauzy  
Flintstone, Md.



Walter P. Mazur  
Detroit, Mich.



Melvin B. McArdle  
Chicago, Ill.



Clyde D. McBride  
Oklahoma City, Okla.



Robert M. McCarthy  
Pittsburgh, Pa.



Lorin D. McCleary  
Indianapolis, Ind.



Eugene R. McFadden  
Brockway, Pa.



Lewis E. McIntire  
Fairmont, W. Va.



Herschel N. McLain  
Chillicothe, Ill.



William A. McLaughlin  
Sioux Falls, S.D.



Virgil H. Meares  
Indian Rock Beach, Fla.



Rexford W. Mecartea  
Fresno, Calif.



And the Link trainer, too.



Edward P. Meents, Jr.  
Sioux City, Iowa



Jerome E. Meek  
Canton, Miss.

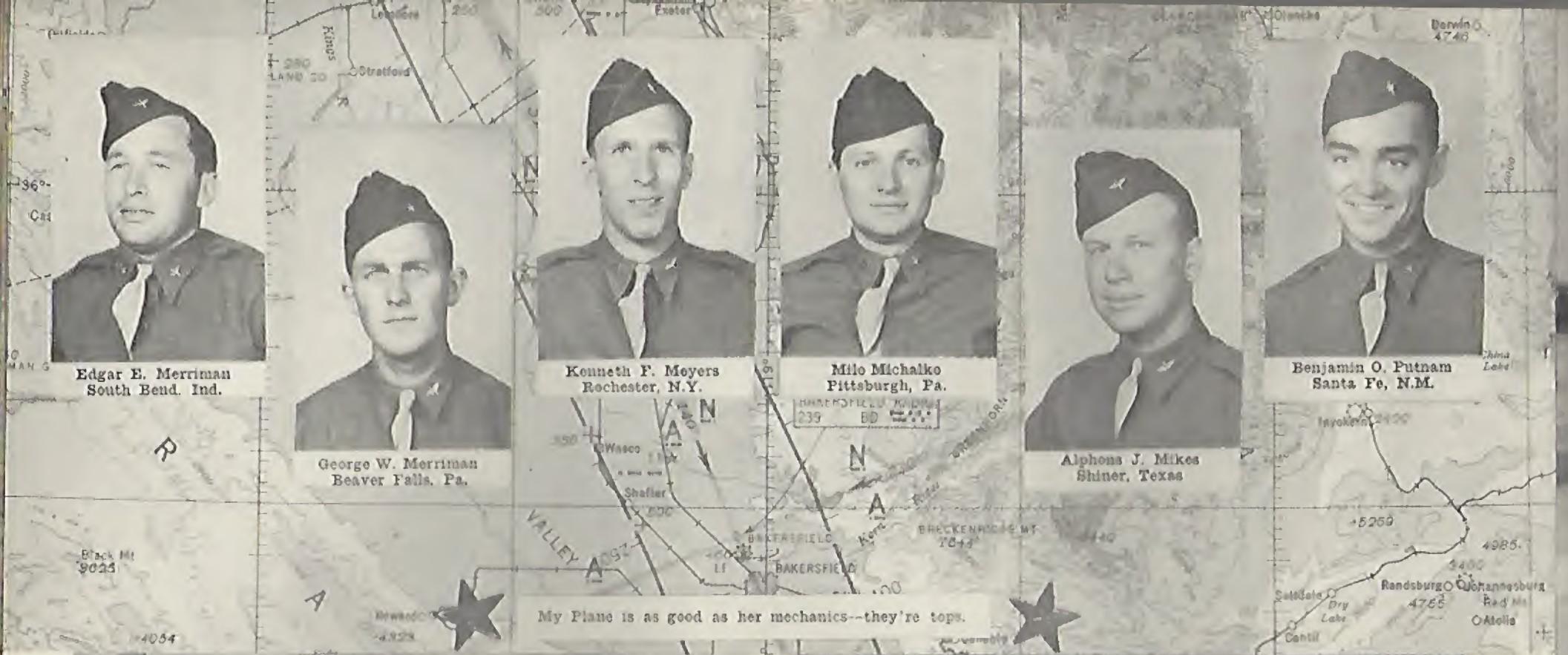


Theodore R. Melcher  
Chicago, Ill.

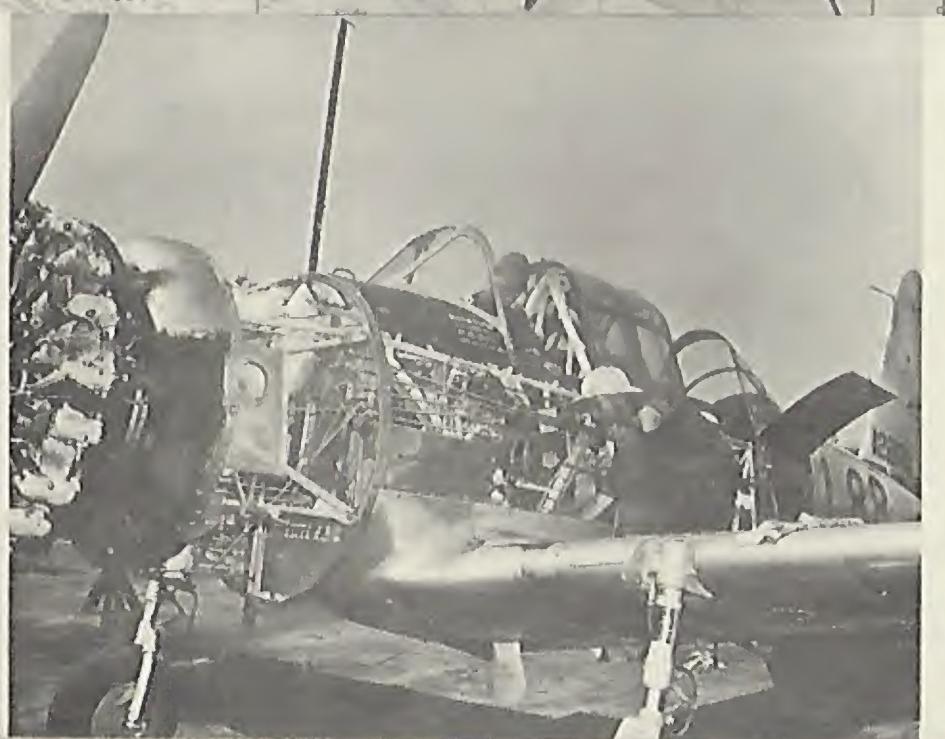
Joseph E. Mellen  
Evansville, Ind.



Gene C. Meredith  
Omaha, Neb.



My Plane is as good as her mechanics--they're tops.



## *Line Officers*



### First Row:

LT. W. E. FINEFROCK  
LT. F. L. POLK  
LT. H. B. WESTLEY  
LT. M. F. MELLINGER  
LT. J. H. KELLER

### Second Row:

LT. D. T. HOGAN, Flight CO.  
LT. J. A. MOORE  
LT. J. C. COLEMAN, Flight CO.  
LT. F. N. SEXTON  
O. M. KILLIAN, Fit/O

# SQUADRON TWENTY-FOUR



CAPT. DONALD R. BINKLEY  
Squadron Commander

ODIS M. ROPPE,  
Lt. "B" Flight

GAIL S. MOFFAT, Jr.  
Adjutant

JAMES H. WILSON  
Squadron Commander

JAMES B. MOWRY  
Lt. "A" Flight



## *Cadet Officers*



Raymond E. Blethen  
Skowhegan, Me.



Morris A. Milstead  
Jackson, Miss



James W. Mitchell  
San Antonio, Texas



William M. Mitchell, Jr.  
Morrilton, Ark.



Gail S. Moffat, Jr.  
Salt Lake City, Utah



Charles D. Moore  
Brunswick, Ga.



"Now, watch that needle, ball and airspeed."



Cicero N. Morgan  
Atlanta, Ga.



Frank B. Morgan  
Ft. Pierce, Fla.



Floyd R. Motter  
Altoona, Pa.



George K. Mount  
Alexandria, Va.



James B. Mowry  
Peoria, Ill.



Einar E. Muonen  
Westminster, Mass.



Arthur E. Murray  
Glen Rock, N.J.



Charles E. Nagle  
Portland, Ore.



Gerald W. Nagle  
Anaconda, Mont.



Chauncey A. Newcomb  
Monte Vista, Colo.



John O. Nordhagen  
Choteau, Mont.



With never a pause, "Calihoptics" called



Howard D. Nott  
Freeport, Ill.



Edgar E. Nuschke, Jr.  
Austin, Pa.



Herbert D. Olson  
Orlando, Fla.



Raymond C. Ostroznik  
Los Angeles, Calif.



Albert R. Pankow, Jr.  
Buffalo, N.Y.



Irving Pearlman  
New York City



Fred W. Penn  
New Albany, Ind.



Don H. Pensinger  
New Haven, Ind.



Paul C. Perkins  
Lewiston, Idaho



Everett S. Phillips  
Wichita, Kans.



William S. Pier  
Beverly Farms, Mass.



Victor R. Pecoroba  
Philadelphia, Pa.



And finally gave way to basketball.



Francis H. Potwine  
Warehouse Pt., Conn.



John H. Price  
Los Angeles, Calif.



William J. Quinn  
Los Angeles, Calif.



Paul E. Ray  
Longview, Texas



William A. Richell  
Tonawanda, N.Y.



Norman V. Robbins  
Flushing, N.Y.



John H. Roberts  
Terry, Mont.



Odis M. Roper  
Benjamin, Texas



James E. Roughgarden  
Haledon, N. J.



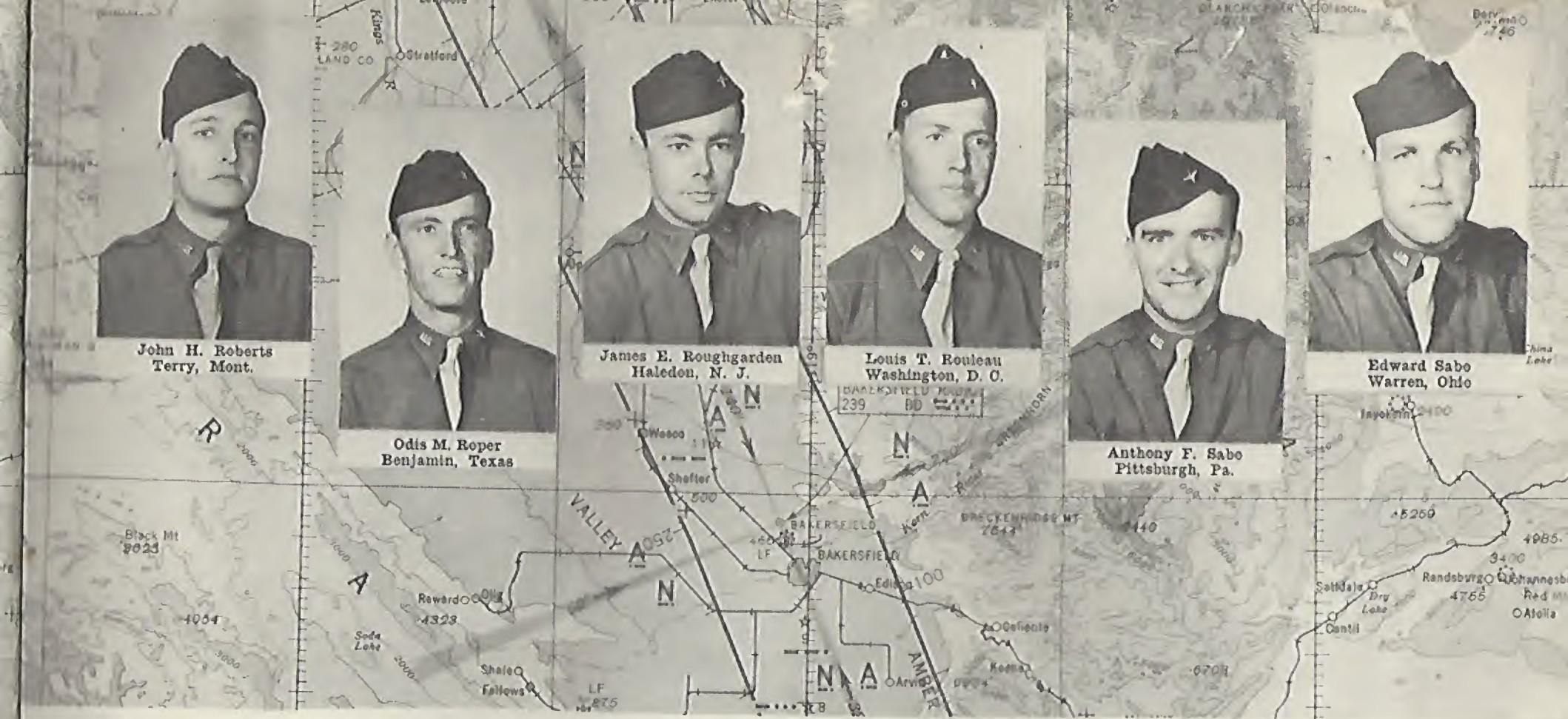
Louis T. Rouleau  
Washington, D. C.



Anthony F. Sabo  
Pittsburgh, Pa.



Edward Sabo  
Warren, Ohio



## *Line Officers*



### First Row:

LT. H. M. CLEAVER, Flight CO.  
LT. J. E. MOORE  
LT. E. W. HICKOX  
LT. W. D. RIEDEL  
LT. H. J. RAPLEY

### Second Row:

LT. J. WADE  
LT. M. J. LEE  
LT. F. L. RATLIFF  
LT. R. A. LOWE, Flight CO.  
LT. C. E. KENEALEY  
LT. M. A. KENNEDY

**SQUADRON TWENTY-FIVE**

CAPT. BILLY E. MIKULE  
Squadron Commander

SYLVESTER H. STURGES  
Lt. "B" Flight

THEODORE R. STABLEIN  
Adjutant

VERNON M. SHERWOOD  
Squadron Commander

DONALD W. SORRELS  
Lt. "A" Flight



## *Cadet Officers*



Joseph G. Schaller  
Albany, N. Y.



Thomas H. Schelling, Jr.  
Livingston, N. J.



Claude E. Schindler  
Upper Sandusky, Ohio



Edward Scott, Jr.  
Rochester, N. Y.



Paul D. Scott  
Dodge, Texas



George B. Seeberg  
Los Angeles, Calif.



Chester H. Siefert  
Taftville, N. Y.



Rexford O. Shadowen  
Scottsville, Kans.



Richard R. Schamblin  
Tuscaloosa, Ala.



Vernon M. Sherwood  
Roselle Park, N. J.



Abraham Signoff  
Gulfport, Miss.



James W. Simpson  
Santa Barbara, Calif.



Donovan D. Siverts  
Minneapolis, Minn.



Thomas E. Skeffington  
Spokane, Wash.



Charles E. Smith  
Georgetown, Texas



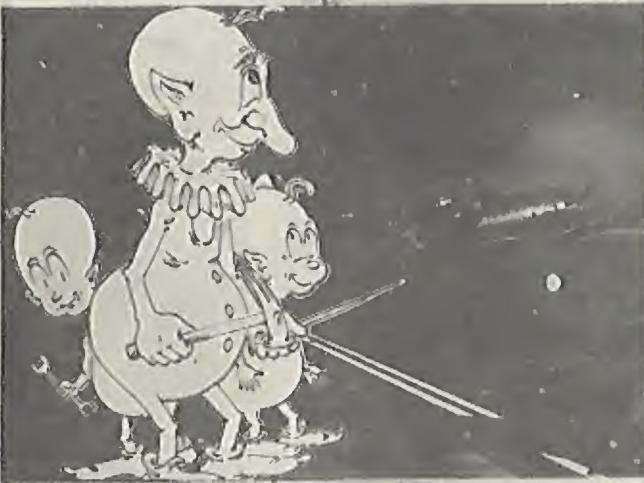
Thurman Smith  
Pittsburg, Texas



Paul D. Snedigar  
Pratt, Kans.



Eugene M. Sommerich  
St. Louis, Mo.



Despite the Gremlins, both good and bad.



Donald W. Sorrels  
Bethel, Wash.



Billie A. Spivey  
Tooele, Utah.



Theodore R. Stablein  
Aberdeen, S. D.



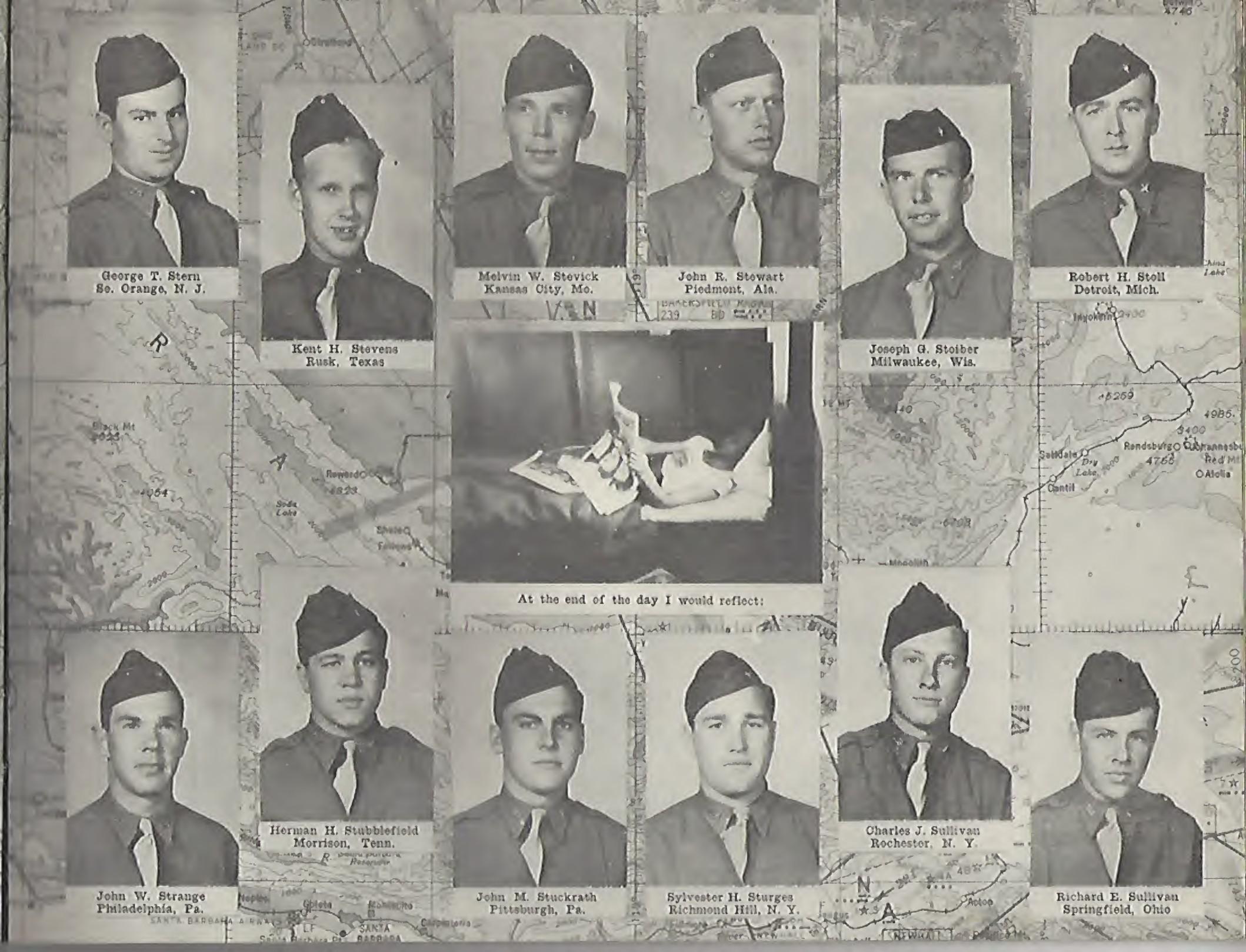
William H. Starke  
Chicago, Ill.



William J. Stebner  
Sioux City, Iowa



Charles W. Stephens  
Los Angeles, Calif.



George T. Stern  
So. Orange, N. J.

Kent H. Stevens  
Rusk, Texas

Melvin W. Stevick  
Kansas City, Mo.

John R. Stewart  
Piedmont, Ala.

Robert H. Stoll  
Detroit, Mich.

Joseph G. Stoiber  
Milwaukee, Wis.

At the end of the day I would reflect:

Herman H. Stubblefield  
Morrison, Tenn.

John W. Strange  
Philadelphia, Pa.

John M. Stuckrath  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sylvester H. Sturges  
Richmond Hill, N. Y.

Richard E. Sullivan  
Springfield, Ohio





## *Line Officers*



### First Row:

LT. D. B. DODSON  
LT. C. H. PEET  
LT. G. W. WYMORE  
LT. M. A. KOOLISH, Flight CO.  
LT. L. J. POTTER

### Second Row:

LT. R. L. FLANNES  
LT. W. L. CARSS  
LT. J. W. CHANDLER  
LT. C. E. MONELL  
LT. K. D. TAYLOR  
LT. W. L. LUMPKIN, Flight CO.  
(Camera Shy)

**SQUADRON TWENTY-SIX**

ISHMAEL L. WICKS  
Lt. "B" Flight

D. R. ZIMMERMAN  
Assistant

JOHN C. WILCOX  
Squadron Commander

D. G. WEIMER  
Lt. "A" Flight



## *Cadet Officers*



Paul J. Hevermann  
St. Louis, Mo.

Roy C. Thurikill  
El Dorado, Ark.

Harry J. Tiedeman, Jr.  
Oakland, Calif.

Wallace H. Traver, Jr.  
Glen Ridge, N.J.

Jack A. Thompson  
Erwin, Tenn.

George H. Tompkins  
Washington, D.C.

About the good times I've had.

James D. Turner  
Kinston, N.C.

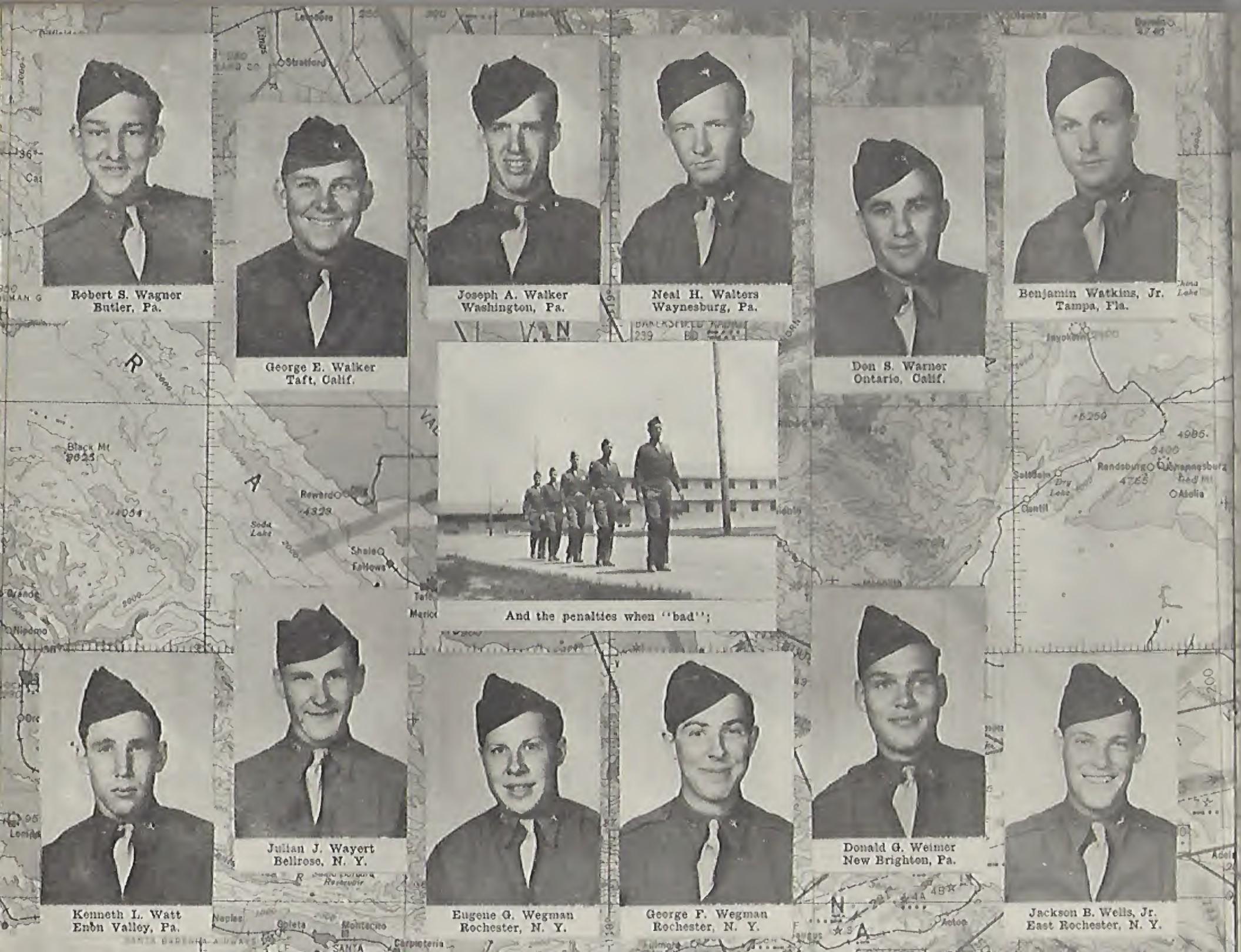
Francis X. Vogel  
Bradford, Pa.

Alfred J. Trybuszewski  
Buffalo, N.Y.

Stewart L. VanderVeen  
Charleroi, Pa.

John R. Vickers  
Daytona Beach, Fla.

Kenneth C. Voy  
Milwaukee, Wis.



Robert S. Wagner  
Butler, Pa.



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Taft, Calif.



Joseph A. Walker  
Washington, Pa.



Neal H. Walters  
Waynesburg, Pa.



Don S. Warner  
Ontario, Calif.



Benjamin Watkins, Jr.  
Tampa, Fla.



And the penalties when "bad";



Kenneth L. Watt  
Enon Valley, Pa.



Julian J. Wayert  
Bellrose, N. Y.



Eugene G. Wegman  
Rochester, N. Y.



George F. Wegman  
Rochester, N. Y.



Donald G. Weimer  
New Brighton, Pa.



Jackson B. Wells, Jr.  
East Rochester, N. Y.



Ben Wessel  
University City, Mo.



Ernest C. Whipple  
Broadalbin, N. Y.



Bruce E. White  
Venice, Calif.



Ishmael L. Wicks  
Columbia, S. C.



John C. Wilcock  
Milford, Conn.



Frederick C. Williams  
Melrose, Mass.



And the debt I owe this country of mine...



Paul R. Williams  
Toluca, Ill.



Edward Wilkins, Jr.  
Sweetwater, Texas



Donald R. Wilson  
Portland, Ore.



Jimmie Wine  
Wenatchee, Wash.



Ronald A. Wipperman  
Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.



Donald L. Wistinger  
West Milton, Ohio



The routine of everyday work and faces was broken by a variety of entertainment and shows. 1 and 14—The Cadet Glee Club featured on the radio show, "Flying High." 2—Turning out for Lana Turner at the Post theatre. 3—Actress Marlene Dietrich, and the Ole Professor, Kay Kyser leave the Cadet Mess to begin a three hour show, which was a wow! 4—Sgt. "Skippy" Anderson leads the Jive Bombers, a band that's Hep. 5—The Ole Professor again, with Dennis Morgan. 6—Here comes Marlene. 7—More Morgans—F.B., C.N., and Dennis. 8—The Professor and his Gang couldn't be camera-shy here. 9—Ish Kabibble. 10—A sweet little honey with Ray Herbeck and Band. 11—The Post Theatre. 12—Hangar No. 5 and the Kay Kyser show. 13—Ray Herbeck and Band.



Ralph D. Witchell  
Lansing, Mich.



Howard M. Worster  
North Liberty, Ind.



Henry B. Worthen  
Ashbury Park, N. J.



Charles E. Wydra  
Swoyerville, Pa.



Thomas M. Yarwood  
Louisville, Ky.



Carrol J. Yoder  
Wellman, Iowa



Tomorrow— I will repay!



Laurel D. Youker  
Thompsonville, Mich.



Eugene J. Zakevec  
Fremont, Neb.



Douglas R. Zimmerman  
Scarsdale, N. Y.



BROTHERS!  
Gene and George Wegman



We make our first check over the ship, warm up, etc. We head up the valley, Delano, Tulare, over Fresno at 600 feet. Finally Madera and our turning point toward the west and Lost Hills. After 30 minutes we sight oil derricks (signifying on our maps) Lost Hills. Here we land for a breather of five minutes and hit the air again. 400 feet up and to the right we pass Gardner Field while over a large lake. On down the valley to its southern-most part we stumble onto Wheeler Ridge. Getting a wee bit weary, so we turn onto our last leg at 340 degrees and back to Minter Field. We enter pattern of traffic altitude of 1000 feet, low pitch, 20 degrees of flaps, turn into the field 90 m.p.h. glide, stabilizer back, ah! here comes a three point landing (four times). Taxing back to the line we park, switch-off, controls locked, etc.. NOW to get out. OH! OH! Better lower five turns of flaps. Ah me! I wonder what's bagging my knees?



MAY 14, 1943 MINTER FIELD 2<sup>nd</sup> Trng Gp. BT-13-A

CAMERA SHY

STATION

GROUP NO AND TYPE

AIRCRAFT MODEL

21,23,24,25,26

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G2	WILSON, JAMES H.	A/C Sq 24	SPI	SWI	7	2					MISSION	TO LOCAL 13:04
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G2	STEVENSON, MARTIN E.	A/C Sq 25	SPI	SWI	8	2					TO LOCAL 13:55	TO LOCAL 14:10
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											TO LOCAL 15:10	TO LOCAL 1:0

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FLIGHT REPORT - OPERATIONS

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BALTIMORE

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ON PAPER

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## In Memoriam

THEIR NOBLE SPIRITS ARE TESTIMONY OF OUR DETERMINATION  
TO FULFILL THE MISSION AND UPHOLD THE PRINCIPLES  
FOR WHICH THEY SO VALIANTLY GAVE THEIR LIVES.

### Hail and Farewell

Hail and farewell; the laurels with the dust  
Are levelled, but thou hast thy surer crown,  
Peace, and immortal calm, the victory won.  
Somewhere serene thy watchful power inspires;  
Thou art a living purpose, being gone,

A fruit of nobleness in lesser lives,  
A guardian and a guide; Hail and farewell  
For thou died the noblest death a man may die,  
Fighting for God and Right and Liberty;  
And such a death is Immortality.

"Off We Go"

To Sink the Rising Sun!

